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11. (C) Summary: Since being named by Democratic Revolution Party (PRD) presidential candidate Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador (AMLO) as his probab
12. (C) On January 31 AMLO indicated that Jose Maria Perez Gay would be his choice for Secretary of Foreign Relations (SRE) should AMLO win Jul
13. (C) Perez Gay told us he was making a special effort to engage with U.S. experts on the bilateral relationship because his own diplomatic e
14. (C) Perez Gay was clearly familiar with the current SRE structure, and indicated changes he would like to make. Among them, creating a sepe
15. (C) On broader issues Perez Gay reiterated what AMLO has said publicly -- that Mexico does not need to look outside for problems to solve;
16. (C) Comment: Charming and patrician, Perez Gay clearly reflects the more traditional non-interventionist school of Mexican diplomacy. He re
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